



Express Mail Label No.: EV 328708733 US  
Date of Deposit: September 8, 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 15966-559 (Cura-59)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Shimkets et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/635,949 EXAMINER: Hope A. Robinson  
FILING DATE: August 10, 2000 ART UNIT: 1653  
FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MAY 7, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is in response to the May 7, 2003 Office Action. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$55.00 check as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). With this extension of time, the present Amendment and Response is due on Monday, September 8, 2003 (September 7, 2003 being a Sunday).

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-559 (Cura 59).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.